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July 1960

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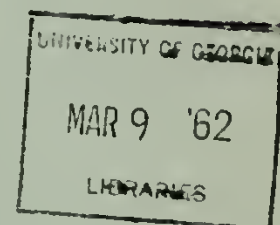
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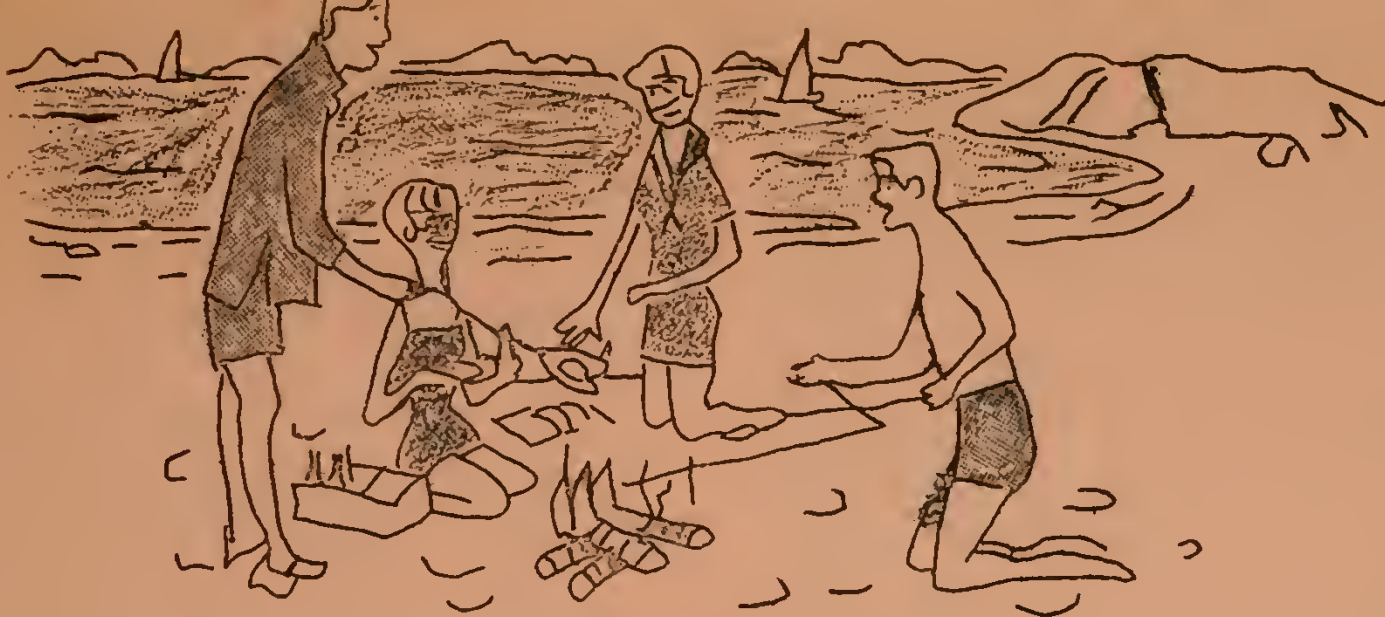


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GOOD MANNERS FOR THE MULTITUDES

An educational brochure to be released by The Mountaineers as soon as funds are available for publication, is aimed at the general public and contains a section titled "What You Can Do". Here are eight points which should have a profound effect upon this problem if given wide distribution:

1. Set an example with your own good outdoor manners.
2. Learn and observe all visitor regulations; encourage others to do the same.
3. Explain the results of their actions to thoughtless offenders, and warn them of the fines and penalties to which they are subject.
4. Immediately report any willful offender to the nearest ranger.
5. Help others to understand and appreciate our scenic and recreational resources; encourage attendance at free lectures and guided tours.
6. Let it be known that you want larger protective and maintenance staffs in your . . . recreational lands.
7. Use recreational facilities carefully.
8. Protect parks, forests, fields, streams.

It would be well for every park and recreation man in the country to get squarely behind this movement to teach the multitudes good outdoor manners; a concerted effort on the part of everyone, the professional park, forest, and recreation workers and the solid citizens who love and respect the land, can spell the difference between success and failure in this all-important effort. If you are resolved to give this movement something more than lip service, drop a note to Mrs. Julian N. Robarge, 19024 - 15th Avenue, NW, Seattle 77, Washington. This can be the right step toward a national awareness of - and a solution to - a growing national shame.

- Ira B. Lykes

JULY - BOAT SAFETY MONTH

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SUGGESTION FOR THE MONTH

Everyone must be very happy in their work and 100% perfect for we have had no suggestions from any park superintendent.

Please before the 20th of each month send your suggestions to Miss Rankin in the General Office as we feel that it will be very helpful in improving the administration of our parks.

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The Department of State Parks will co-operate this month in every way possible with the Boat Safety Committee in encouraging safety on the waters and lakes of Georgia.

As you know the new boat regulations passed in the 1959 legislature have gone into effect and each park superintendent has received a copy of these laws. Certainly the Department of State Parks will try to enforce these laws whenever possible. Very soon posters will be sent to all superintendents. These are to be placed in different locations throughout the park. This department will also support and encourage any boat safety demonstrations that any organization wishes to put on in any state park.

Let's make July "Safety Afloat" in all state parks.

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ENJOY YOURSELF IN GEORGIA - WE HAVE VARIETY

Most park superintendents have already received copies of the new park brochure. We are very proud of this new color folder and hope that all superintendents will co-operate in giving these to interested visitors.

Many of our out-of-state tourists enjoy seeing a map showing the locations of the various state parks. If any superintendent needs additional copies of the brochure, they should write directly to Miss Rankin in the General Office.

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Patience is bitter, but its fruit sweet.

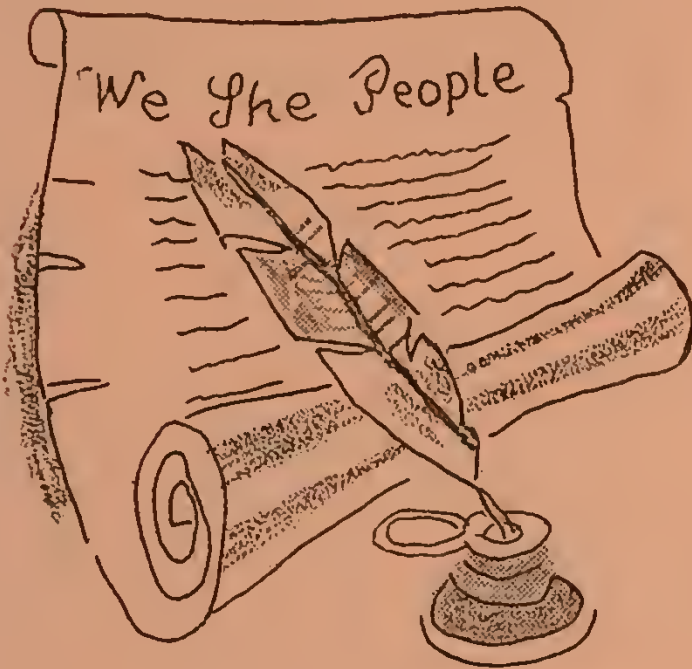
- Rousseau

HOW JULY GOT ITS NAME

July was first called "Quintilis" by the Romans, because it was the fifth month in their calendar. But when their military leader and statesman, Julius Caesar, died in 44 B.C., they named it Julius in his honor.

Among the Anglo-Saxons, July was called "Heg-mon-th" (haying month), because in this month the meadows are all a-bloom and it is also the proper time for haying.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

With the signing of the American Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, a new page in the history of mankind was opened.

The Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to debate the "Jefferson Resolution", a demand for complete independence from Britain. On this summer day, the people of Philadelphia waited patiently for the good news and at two o'clock, an

excited voice cried, "It has passed."

As the last signer put his name to the document, the bell in the State House tower rang the birth of a new republic.

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"STONEWALL" JACKSON'S PRAYER

God of Battles - land and sea
Crown our arms with victory.
Forward in the dreadful fight
Keep my shield of honor bright.
Let me not forget Thy name
In the red fight's flashing flame;
Let no hatred stir my soul
When the battle thunders roll.
Fatherless and widow bless
With enduring tenderness;
Bless O God! the sword of Lee,
Bless his heart of chivalry.

Amen.

- Fitzhugh Lee Minnegerodon

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BRIGHT COLORED VEHICLES HAVE LESS ACCIDENTS

Consider brighter colors when you paint up your park vehicles next time - you may cut down on accidents.

Supervisory Management Magazine, published by the American Management Association, reports that in a recent experiment, the United States Post Office Department painted 3,500 cars and trucks olive drab, and another 3,500 red, white and blue. After 10 million miles of travel, the olive-drab vehicles had figured in about 35 percent more accidents than the more brightly colored ones.

- From Park Practice GRIST Magazine

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THE STONE OF THE MONTH

The ruby, the stone of the month of July, is a blood red gem, the costliest of all precious stones. In Upper Burma, where the most famous ruby mines are located, the stones are sold between 9 AM and 3 PM, only because they are best judged in sunlight.

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QUOTATION

"Far better it is to dare mighty things to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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THE HUMMINGBIRD

There are more than five hundred kinds of hummingbirds in America. The ruby-throated hummingbird, common in eastern North America, is one of the loveliest of his family. This little creature is a greenish bird with a lighter green breast and a tiny red spot at its throat.

To entice a hummingbird to nest, tie bottles of sugar and water to the branches of tall shrubs.

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THE SONG OF THE RUNNING REEL

A sudden splash - -
A silv'ry flash - -
A jerk, a turn, and a forward dash,
To the Song of the Running Reel!

When the gentle breezes of morning
Roll the mists of the night away,
You slowly float in your drifting
boat,

Where the lush pond-lilies sway:
To troll your glist'ning minnow
Where the willows shade the brook:
To feel the thrill of the morning
chill,
And the lure of the rod and hook.
To make your cast in the riffles,
Where the water each boulder spurns:
To follow the gleam in the silv'ry
stream,

As your minnow wriggles and turns.
Then the lightning lunge of a hungry
bass,
As he darts for his moving prey:
To hear the purr - then the singing
whirr,
As the reel plays your strike away.

The red blood pounds through every
vein
And each muscle tenses to steel:
Such glorious strife is the wine of
life,
To the Song of the Running Reel!

- Francis Aiken

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GEORGIA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR THE AGING

The Governor's Commission on Aging called a conference in Athens, Georgia, on June 30 - July 1, 1960. There were about 250 interested people attending. Formal and informal discussion groups were held on such subjects as social welfare, health services, housing, education and recreation, employment and income services. Some interesting figures which this conference collected concerning recreation are as follows:

46 counties noted the following percentages - - 24% realized the need for more recreational area facilities and programs just for older people -- 17% realized the need for better

building accomodations -- 17% a need for more organization and planning by those responsible for recreational programs -- 13% found a need for groups for older people -- 13% a need for hobbies and crafts, informal and organized -- 13% for better equipment and facilities other than buildings -- 13% found a need for a county or city director with more personnel directed towards the aging -- 9% found a need for more funds providing a program -- 9% found a need for more co-operation from the community and interested individuals with a concern for the aged -- 7% found a need for transportation -- 4% found a lack of recreational skills among the older people -- 22% found needs in publicizing to the community the problems of the aged -- 13% found a need for an overall recreational program.

The following are a list of needs listed by 29 counties: A place to gather together by themselves with others of the same age and interest, exercise and outdoor activity, general recreational activities for leisure time, fishing, picnicking, nature trails and study, bird study, camping, hiking, scenic beauty, woodcraft, development of special facilities and programs especially for older people in present or planned parks, community recreation of the ultimate need.

The results of this Georgia Conference will be taken to Washington in January of 1961 and presented at the White House Conference on the Aged.

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STATE NAMES AND ORIGINS

Alabama - Indian - "here we rest"
Florida - named by Ponce de Leon
who discovered it in

1512 on Easter Day - Feast of Flowers"

Georgia - in honor of George II of England

Kentucky - Indian, for "at the head river", or "the dark and bloody ground"

Louisiana - for Louis XIV of France

Mississippi - Indian, meaning "great father of waters".

North and South Carolina - originally called Caroline, in honor of Charles IX of France

Tennessee - Indian, meaning "river with great bend"

Virginia - In honor of Queen Elizabeth of England

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HISTORICAL DRAMA DEBUTS

JULY 3 ON WAGA-TV

Brady photographs are to be used in broadcasting the series about the Civil War "The American Civil War". The thirteen part series began on July 3 at 10 PM and will be seen each week thereafter. This will be a good way to refresh your memory about important events which you might be questioned about when visitors start traveling in celebration of the centennial.

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SNAPSHOTS FROM STATE PARKS

Veterans Memorial Park - Some fifty members of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers toured the Crisp County Hydro-Electric Plant during June 16th through 18th. Their meeting was concluded with a noon luncheon held at Veterans Memorial State Park. Mr. George Normandy of the General Office Staff was in attendance at this meeting.

A horse show was held at Veterans Memorial June 11th sponsored by the

Georgia Quarter Horse Association. There were some one hundred entries and everyone seemed to enjoy their visit to our state park.

Veterans Memorial had a very nice write-up in the local Cordele paper on Monday, June 27th. This article praised the recreation facilities, and also gave a good description of the military weapons which are located on the grounds of the park.

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK - A record enrollment has been established in the swimming program at Crooked River Park this season. Red Cross Swimming Classes sponsored this year by the Junior Woman's Club of St. Marys, instructed by Miss Glenda Rentz have had an enrollment of 120. Miss Rentz is assisted this year by seven swimming aids. Two busses leave daily Tuesday through Saturday from St. Marys to Crooked River State Park. Children in the category of beginners leave on the 8 AM bus and children classified as intermediates and lifesavers ride the 10 AM bus. The Department of State Parks is very proud of this program being sponsored in one of our parks.

The people around St. Marys, Georgia, say that there was a 7-foot shark caught off the St. Marys' dock. The man who caught the fish had to enlist the help of two companions to land it. The shark was dispatched with a hammer.

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REIDSVILLE STATE PARK - Reidsville State Park opened the swimming pool May 27th for the 1960 summer season. On Thursday prior to the opening of the pool the Lion's Club sponsored a fish fry and fishing outing. Boys under twelve years of age were participants.

There has been a seven-foot fence erected around the pool area with a four-foot fence separating the wading pool and sand pits. Additional concrete tables and picnic shelter with five picnic tables have been added for the convenience and pleasure of the public. Excavating of the lake has been completed and the dam has been built up considerably. When the water level is raised, plans are being made for boating and water skiing at the Reidsville State Park.

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INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK - Miss Margaret Stanton, American Camping Association Instructor and Teacher at Wesleyan College conducted a camp leadership class for overnight camping at Indian Springs recently. There have been many visitors to the park and a number of school children on their annual picnics during the last several months. Indian Springs is very proud of its new tent camping area.

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RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK - A group of day campers sponsored by the Atlanta Recreation Department had an overnight trip recently to Red Top Mountain State Park. Children ranged in age from about 8 through 12. Our department is always anxious to support any type of conservation training.

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According to Bonnell Akins, Manager at Vogel Park a near record attendance for June was set with 463 state cars and 43 out-of-state cars counted at Vogel on one Saturday afternoon. Of the out-of-state cars, the following tabulation was made: Alabama 5, Florida 7, North Carolina 11, South Carolina 5, Tennessee 9, Ohio 1, Maryland 1, Michigan 1, Illinois 2, and 37 cars were from Union County.

VOGEL - On July 2 through July 4 a helicopter air show was put on at Vogel Park. Rides were scheduled for different groups and a demonstration was given on take-off and landing.

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CONSERVATION AWARDS

The first Annual Governor's Awards Program held by the Georgia Sportsman Federation and sponsored by the Sears Foundation was held at the Dinkler Plaza during June.

James L. Gillis, Jr., won the coveted CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - 1960 award. In the Junior Division, because of the excellent performance turned in by the two top contestants, duplicate awards were given co-winners Robert Wright III and Larry Joyner as JUNIOR CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - 1960.

Secret until the banquet held June 4, the State Winners and their classification are as follows: Soil and Water Conservation, Miss Susan Myrick; Forestry Conservation, Judge Harley Landale, Sr.; Game and Fish Conservation, John Pierce Blanchard; Outdoor Writers Award, Bill Allen; Extension Agriculture, S. F. Yelton; Vocational Agriculture, C. Fred Ingram; also, FFA Club Conservation, Bobby Perkins, 4-H Club Conservation, Carlton Griffith and Federation Affiliate Public Relations, Georgia Sportsman's Association of Savannah.

A special award was presented to Ed Dodd, creator of the Mark Trail series for bringing everyday conservation into the homes of millions of Americans.

The Awards Program is to be an annual affair and promises an even broader and expanded program for next year.

Federation President Ray E. Tyner stated, "We are extremely happy with the results of our first venture into an undertaking of this magnitude and we deeply appreciate the backing furnished us by the Sears Foundation and the tremendous help furnished by the co-operating agencies."

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"KNOW YOUR PARKS"

Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park on the eastern shore of sprawling Lake Blackshear is coming into its own as homebase and headquarters for some nine to twelve thousand weekly recreation seekers and vacationers.

Ranging from water sports (skiing, swimming, boating, and fishing) through land sports (tennis, shuffleboard, softball, outdoor checkers, hiking, and photography - and a playground for the children) on to the leisurely picnics and outdoor cooking this 1300 acre park has something to offer to every local and out-of-town visitor.

The imposing Memorial Building is equipped with a casino, restaurant, and the beginnings of a military museum. This building is at present being completely renovated. Painting inside and out is now in progress.

Just a few yards away is located a beautiful outdoor swimming pool, with accompanying wading area for the youngsters. This pool is equipped with a modern filtration system and bathhouse. Both pools and the bathhouse have just been repainted throughout, and the building reroofed.

The Tackle Box (waterfront concession) offers various types of refreshments, tackle, and bait for the fishermen and pleasure boaters. Fiberglass boats have been added this year, as well as small 3 H.P. water boats for

rent to those between eight and eighty.

The vacation cabins have recently been improved, painted, and new doors installed. It is expected that they will be air-conditioned during the first quarter of the fiscal year beginning July 1. These cabins are equipped with all the basic cooking facilities for vacationers.

A number of concrete and wood tables have been added to the picnic areas along the shoreline, and a large picnic shelter constructed for use during those summer showers.

Sanitary toilets have been installed in the camping area, with about six to eight campers per night using this facility - and about twenty during the weekends.

Various military weapons are dispersed over the grounds:

Of World War I vintage - a 155 M.M. Field Artillery howitzer, and a French, one-man whippet tank.

World War II - a 155 M.M. "Longtom" of the Marine Corps' island-hopping fame, an Army 37 M.M. anti-tank weapon, a 37 ton Sherman tank, a Marine Corps LVT-3C amphibious vehicle, and a Georgia-built B-29 bomber from the Army Air Corps.

Korean Conflict - a 49 ton Marine Corps M-47 tank.

The Air Force is represented by an F84F(35) supersonic jet, which was the first fighter plane designed to carry an atom bomb.

A one-half mile, dirt, race track and a forty-two stall barn are now under lease to the Georgia Quarter Horse Association.

There is a seven-tenths mile grass strip used by many private

plane owners, and passenger flights are available on Sundays and holidays.

A large portion has been set aside for use by Negroes. A very pretty picnic area has concrete and wood tables with accompanying outdoor cookers. A spacious shelter, with water fountain and electricity, was constructed last summer close by the children's playground. Sanitary toilets have been placed in this area, also.

The concession and bathhouse buildings have just been repaired and repainted.

Camp Safety Patrol, with fourteen modern brick buildings and two swimming pools, is located here for a boys and girls summer camp. It is operated by the Georgia Highway Patrol, under their Safety Education Program. Approximately 350 children per week enjoy good food and supervised recreation, interspersed with schoolbus discipline and safety education during the summer months.

Although originally planned for recreation only (and given to the State by the people of Crisp County for that purpose) it was later dedicated as a living memorial to all of Georgia's war veterans.

The aim of Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park is to: "Honor the dead, by serving the living."

- by George Greene,
Superintendent, Georgia Veterans
Memorial State Park -

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Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. And the time that remains is time enough, if we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting.

- Arthur Brisbane

